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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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SUBJECT: SECOND SESSION - LOS CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 99357 B) BRUSSELS 4146 NOTAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY REFERRED U.S. PROPOSAL TO HAVE  
NEXT SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE START IN GENEVA IN JULY  
TO ITS LOS EXPERT IN NEW YORK, PROF. VAN DER ESSEN, WITH  
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REQUEST FOR HIS COMMENTS (REFTEL B). VAN DER ESSEN

REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: EC-9 IN NEW YORK AT LOS CONFERENCE ARE DIVIDED ON QUESTION OF US-PROPOSED JULY SESSION. BELGIUM, WEST GERMANY, ITALY AND FRANCE WOULD PREFER THAT NEXT SESSION BE HELD IN LATE 1976 OR EARLY 1977 IN GENEVA. UNITED KINGDOM, IRELAND AND DENMARK FAVOR U.S. PROPOSAL. THE NETHERLANDS IS UNDECIDED AND LUXEMBOURG HAS NOT MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN.

2. REASONS FOR OPPOSITION IN EC-9 TO U.S. PROPOSAL ARE TWOFOLD: (A) THOSE OPPOSING JULY SESSION BELIEVE THAT TIME FOR REFLECTION IS NECESSARY BETWEEN SESSIONS TO PERMIT COUNTRIES TO MODIFY THEIR POSITIONS. A SESSION STARTING IN JULY WOULD RUN THE RISK OF HAVING COUNTRIES SIMPLY MAINTAIN THE POSITIONS THEY TOOK AT NEW YORK SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. (B) EC-9 COUNTRIES ARE PRESENTLY DIVIDED ON QUESTION OF A NEW EC FISHING ZONES POLICY. THOSE OPPOSING JULY SESSION WANT TIME TO TRY TO GET EC-9 AGREEMENT ON NEW POLICY BEFORE START OF NEXT SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT A SESSION BEGINNING IN JULY WOULD EXACERBATE THE PRESENT DIVISION WITHIN EC-9.

3. VAN DER ESSEN MADE ADDITIONAL COMMENT THAT DETERMINING ELEMENT IN WHETHER U.S. PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED MIGHT TURN ON LOS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERSINGHE'S OWN WISHES AND PROSPECTS. AS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF UNGA HE MAY WISH TO HAVE LOS CONFERENCE FINISHED, IF HE BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE, BEFORE UNGA FALL SESSION. IF LOS CONFERENCE IS NOT FINISHED BY THEN, HIS CANDIDATURE FOR PRESIDENCY OF UNGA MAY BE AFFECTED. FIRESTONE

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